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Page 2: General Information

Q1 Please enter the name of your county.

Jim Hogg

Q2 Enter name of CHC chair who managed 2018 work. If you have "co-chairs," pick the one individual who knows the most about what the CHC accomplishes and can be the one point of contact for our agency.

Name of 2018 CHC chair	Idalia Davila
Chair's address	610 W. Viggo St.
Chair's cell phone number	361-527-5148
Other phone number for chair	361- 296-4998
Email address for chair	i_davila@sbcglobal.net

Q3 Contact info for individual filling out report IF OTHER THAN CHAIR. This is who we will contact with questions about reporting answers.**Respondent skipped this question**

Page 3: CHC Volunteer Hours

Q4 How many volunteer hours were contributed in 2018? Please enter numbers only for your answer--webpage will NOT advance if you enter punctuation, symbols or text. If you do not keep track of hours, enter an approximate number of hours. Enter the number "0" if your CHC is inactive.

Volunteer hours	1400
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Q5 Provide the total number of CHC appointees serving in the 2018 year of service. Please enter numbers only for your answer; webpage will not advance if you enter punctuation, symbols or text.

# of CHC appointees	14
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Q6 Provide any comments/clarifications about the volunteer hours you entered above. Please skip this question if you have no comments/clarifications.**Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: CHC Meetings and Appointee Participation

Q7 Indicate the number of full commission meetings your CHC held in 2018. Both items below must be answered using numbers only; do not use punctuation, symbols or text. Enter the number "0" in both boxes, if your CHC did not meet.

CHC full commission meetings in 2018	4
CHC committee meetings in 2018	5

Q8 Check the circle next to the percentage that best reflects how often a QUORUM was present for your full commission meetings in 2018. A majority of appointees must be present at a meeting to constitute a QUORUM. Clicking a circle places a check the circle; clicking again will uncheck the circle.

100% of full commission meetings made quorum

Page 5: CHC Meetings and Appointee Participation (continued)

Q9 Check the percentage that best reflects the number of CHC appointees who have completed Open Meetings training.

1-25% of our CHC appointees have taken Open Meetings training

Page 6: CHC Financial Information

Q10 Which serves as the repository for CHC money? Check each answer that applies to your CHC.

County treasury

Q11 Enter the amount of money provided to your CHC next to each line item. Use numbers for the DOLLAR amount; please round up to the nearest dollar when necessary. Do not use symbols or text; commas and decimals are considered to be symbols. Each box requires an amount; enter the number "0" if no monies are associated with the line item.

Balance carried over from 2017:	0
Annual county allocation for 2018 (not including money for museums):	2000
County money allotted for museums in 2018 (passing through CHC):	0
Any other money issued by county during 2018 (one-time amount for a special project, etc.):	0
CHC fundraising proceeds (events, book sales, etc.) during 2018:	0
Grant money provided to CHC in 2018:	0
Partner/nonprofit money donations made in 2018:	0
"Membership" dues (though not recommended, some CHCs do request dues):	0
Any other money amounts for 2018 not already included above; DO NOT include CHC appointee out-of-pocket expenses.	0

Q12 Provide any clarifications about above amounts; skip question if you have no comments.

Our CHC partners with The Museum Foundation of Hebbbronville for most CHC activities, events, and museum restoration/ maintenance endeavors. Both the CHC and MFH often share expenses in our county historical preservation efforts. The MFH has it's own funding sources that do not pass through the CHC.

Q13 If your county employs an individual as a CHC liaison or as some other support position, please let us know if his/her salary comes out of the CHC county allocation or from some other budgetary line item. Also, let us know what responsibilities have been assigned to this individual. FYI--This information is frequently requested by CHCs.

Our CHC members are all volunteers and the county does not employ anyone to act as a liaison to CHC or other support position.

Q14 If your CHC receives in-kind donations, check each in-kind item below that was given to your CHC in 2018. SKIP QUESTION if your CHC doesn't accept in-kind donations.

Meeting and/or office space for CHC,

Space for a CHC-operated museum ,

Space for a CHC-sponsored exhibit (history, projects, photographs, etc.) ,

Utilities associated with any spaces mentioned above,

Exterior maintenance or heavy equipment ,

Project/event supplies and/or equipment,

Administrative supplies or services--postage, paper, ink, copier, etc. ,

Assistance from county staff--posting meetings, financial reports, legal consultations, etc. ,

Professional expertise of county staff (for any subject/need) ,

Internet access,

Professional services of a historian ,

Any other professional service or advice

Page 8: Planning CHC Projects and Programs

Q15 A work plan defines project tasks, participants, time estimates, and a schedule. Check the option that best reflects how often is your CHC work plan updated.

Updated after each CHC meeting

Q16 Check each of the parties who participates in your CHC planning process.

CHC chair,

CHC officers ,

CHC appointees ,

County judge,

Partner organizations

<p>Q17 If your CHC has performed work associated with formal cultural and historic resource survey, please explain survey work completed in 2018 in the box below. Include work to initiate or maintain surveys. Skip question if no survey work.</p>	<p>Respondent skipped this question</p>
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Page 10: Goal 1: Survey and Online Inventory (continued)

<p>Q18 Check the work items in which your CHC was actively involved during 2018.</p>	<p>Reviewed applications for historical MARKERS</p> <p>Maintain an inventory of subject MARKERS in your county</p> <p>Periodically assess the condition of subject MARKERS in your county</p> <p>Maintain an inventory of properties that are DESIGNATED by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic (i.e., National Register, Historic Texas Cemetery, Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, or State Archeological Landmark)</p> <p>Maintain an inventory of CEMETERIES in your county</p> <p>Periodically assess the condition of CEMETERIES in your county</p> <p>Cleaned or repaired objects in CEMETERIES</p>
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Page 11: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 2: Emphasize Cultural Landscapes

<p>Q19 Check the box next to each work item in which your CHC was actively involved during 2018.</p>	<p>Identified and/or researched historic farms and ranches in your county</p> <p>Provide general comments on above work if you'd like.:</p> <p>This year we met with Dr. Philis Barragan Goetz, Professor of History at Texas A&MU San Antonio to identify early schools and education in our historic ranches including the historic El Colegio Altamirano founded by settlers of Spanish ancestry in 1897. We continue to update our research and museum display of early education in farms and ranches located in Jim Hogg County.</p>
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Q20 Check the box next to each work item in which your CHC was actively involved during 2018.	Planned or pursued work that altered a historic school complex/campus Planned or pursued work that altered a public plaza Comment on proposed or ongoing changes to above properties. : Our CHC met with our local school superintendent to discuss the school district's plans to remove a section of Hebbbronville's first high school built in 1933. As of now, the demolition project is on hold and we will continue to work in collaboration with the school system in our preservation efforts. We continue to evaluate the condition of our historic public plaza that underwent a complete renovation in 2012.
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Page 12: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 3: Implement Policies and Incentives

Q21 Check the box next to each of the comments that apply to your CHC's 2018 body of work.	Respondent skipped this question
Q22 Check the box if the statement applies to your CHC.	Respondent skipped this question

Page 13: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 4: Leverage Economic Development Tools for Preservation

Q23 Check the box for each work item in which your CHC was actively involved in 2018.

Promoted historic and cultural sites to develop and sustain heritage tourism initiatives

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Used hotel/motel tax revenue to fund preservation projects

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Tell us a bit more about your CHC's involvement in the areas you have checked above.:

Our CHC had the great pleasure of hosting Michael Gibson and photographer Preston West from Corpus Christi KIII channel 3 News who came to Hebbronville do a segment on our local and area historic landmarks and Vaquero Culture. The hours of film footage included action at a working cattle ranch, tours of the historic catholic church and the Scotus College than was once a Franciscan Seminary, The Casa de Sillar (the oldest house in town), two historic businesses who have been honored with The Texas Treasure Business Award and a visit to our local museum. The five minute segment aired a few days later on our local channel and was seen by the TV station's entire viewing area. It was also shown on the KIII Channel 3 website. Our CHC extended the invitation to the TV station to promote our historic and cultural sites as well as to attract heritage tourism to our small community. Mr. Gibson and Mr. West left with fresh tamales from our local tamale factory and a whole new appreciation for the rich history and heritage of our area. Some of the \$2,000 the county gives the CHC comes from hotel/ motel tax revenue and is used for preservation projects such as the maintenance of the Old Jail Museum. This year we added indoor Track Lighting, purchased a 15ft. windmill for the front of museum, and had the permanent metal signage made to improve the outdoor appearance of the museum.

Q24 Check the box for each work item in which your CHC was actively involved in 2018.

- Provided educational events/presentations/info on historic preservation and local history to audiences outside your CHC
- Provided educational events/presentations/info on historic preservation and local history geared toward youth/schools
- Initiated projects to diversify interpretation of historic and cultural resources
- Coordinated a regional preservation or tourism event
- Supported activities sponsored by one or more of the Texas Heritage Trails regions
- Provided tours of a HISTORIC COURTHOUSE in your county
- Provided tours of other historic buildings and/or sites within the county
- CHC appointees volunteered at a historic site that is open to the public at large
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Q25 List events in which your CHC was involved that are associated with boxes checked above. Provide details for selected activities in the Project Description section at the end of this report.

- 1. Hosted 80+ local 2nd grade students for a tour of The Old Jail Museum and the county courthouse
- 2. Provided a tour for Eileen Mattei from the Magic Valley Electric Coop Magazine who wrote an article about our local history. The story was featured in the July issue of the Texas Coop magazine.
- 3. Hosted KIII Channel 3 News who aired a segment our county's history for their 6 o'clock broadcast. It was a beautiful feature that was seen by many in our surrounding area.
- 4. Provided an educational presentation for our community and surrounding area by Benito Trevino, ethnobotanist, with an interesting account of the use of native plants by indigenous people and early Tejanos.
- 5. Coordinated a Historical Marker unveiling ceremony for El Colorado Ranch Cemetery.
- 6. Supported activities sponsored by The Texas Tropical Tails Region by attending their Kennedy Ranch tour in Sarita, Texas.
- 7. Hosted three local children's book authors for a book signing and presentation. Our CHC promotes our local culture and heritage during these events.
- 8. At the end of the year the CHC partnered with the local catholic church to host a Christmas Posada at the museum.

Page 15: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 6: Connect Preservation to Related Fields

Q26 Partnering is more than just attending meetings of other organizations. Effective partnerships build a stronger and more diverse preservation community. Check each of the individuals and organizations with which your CHC partnered during 2018.	County officials	
	Local law enforcement	
	Local businesses	
	Museums,	
	Other nonprofit organizations not already listed above (societies, associations, etc.)	
	Educational institutions (school districts, community colleges, universities)	

Page 16: Goal 6: Connect Preservation to Related Fields (continued)

Q27 Check the boxes that reflect your CHC's role with museums.

CHC appointees volunteer with museum/s ,

CHC operates a museum ,

CHC appointees sit on board of a county museum

Q28 Enter your county name and provide the name and location for each of the museums your CHC operates. Please skip this question if your CHC does not operate museums.

Jim Hogg County

Our CHC partner with The Museum Foundation of Hebbronville. All CHC appointees are members of the MFH. The museum is called the Jim Hogg County Old Jail Museum and is located on the courthouse grounds in Hebbronville.

Q29 When considering your overall workload, check the range that applies to your CHC.

51-75% of CHC time spent on museum related work

Page 17: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment

Q30 Check each way your CHC officially reported 2018 activities to your county officials.

Met with the county judge ,

Met with county commissioners ,

Submitted a CHC budget,

Provided suggested CHC appointments,

Plan to present summary of 2018 accomplishments to commissioners court in early 2019

Page 18: Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment (continued)

Q31 Check the elected officials that your CHC regularly invited to events and activities in 2018.

County judge,

County commissioners,

School board members ,

Law enforcement officials ,

State legislators,

U.S. legislators

Q32 Please enter your county name and the names of elected officials who attended one or more of your CHC events in 2018. Skip this question if no elected officials attended your events.

Jim Hogg

The Honorable Vicente Gonzalez, U.S. Congressman (Tx-15) attended the El Colorado Ranch Marker unveiling ceremony.

The Honorable Ryan Guillen, State Rep. (Tx - 31) was invited to unveiling ceremony and didn't attend but send a proclamation and a state flag.

Jim Hogg County Judge Humberto Gonzalez attended unveiling and other events

JH County Commissioner Humberto Martinez attended unveiling, presentations & book signings

County Constable Bacilio Galvan attended several events

Page 19: Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment (continued)

Q33 Check the activities and communications undertaken by your CHC in 2018 in support of Texas history and preservation.

- Issued information to the public at large--newsletters, email, press releases, etc.
- Submitted articles and/or letters to media outlets
- Invited key decision-makers to celebratory preservation events
- Worked with preservation nonprofits who advocate for specific projects
- Worked with preservation nonprofits who advocate for preservation in general
- Made telephone calls to state legislators
- Made telephone calls to federal legislators
- Had face-to-face discussions with state legislators
- Had face-to-face discussions with federal legislators

Page 20: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community

Q34 Check all of the ways in which your CHC tried to improve appointee participation in 2018.	Provided educational presentations for your CHC appointees
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	Used the THC website information to educate appointees

Q35 If you ATTENDED a CHC regional meeting in 2018, please indicate:-- the counties that participated (including your county);-- topics or themes discussed; and -- how many times you have met formally as a group over the years.Please skip if the question does not apply to your CHC.	Respondent skipped this question
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Q36 Please list workshops that your CHC hosted in 2018, including information on the educational topic. Providing this information enables our staff to know more about your interests. Skip if the question does not apply to your CHC.	Respondent skipped this question
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Page 21: Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community (continued)

Q37 Reflecting 2018 activity, enter the number of CHC appointees who attended a training offered by the organization listed. Please use numbers only; do not use text or symbols.	Texas Heritage Trails Program	1
	Local/regional historical association educational opportunity	3
	Any other history-related opportunity that was offered locally/regionally	3

Page 22: Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community (continued)

Q38 Check the ways in which your CHC made concerted efforts in 2018 to improve work relative to previous years.	CHC planning,
	Preservation education for appointees ,
	Partnerships,
	Community outreach to adults ,
	Community outreach to young people ,
	Presence of CHC and/or county history on Internet ,
	Improved an ongoing effort

Page 23: Project Description #1 (of 3) for CHC work from 2018

Q39 Project Description #1 (of 3)—Share ONE project, effort, or service that resulted in a preservation and/or protection outcome. Projects may include, but are not limited to, building rehabilitations, site clean-ups, digitization of archival documents, oral history, etc. Please do not include marker efforts here. Description must include the following information to illustrate the nature of efforts involved: -- your county name-- describe project, effort, or service and your CHC’s role in event/effort-- note partners and community involvement in planning and/or implementation-- impact of the project/effort/service—improvements made, public benefit, etc.

Jim Hogg

The protection, preservation and restoration of the 114 year old Jim Hogg County Old Jail is an ongoing project that our CHC is involved in. This historic two story building houses the county museum and we partner with the local museum organization in our efforts to improve the condition of the building. Much have been done to restore the neglected and abandoned old jail. After an intense clean-up and restoration of the interior a few years ago, we replaced the roof and installed air conditioning. The electrical work continued to the beginning of 2018. We added indoor track lighting, purchased permanent metal signage and a decorative windmill and fencing to enhance the outer appearance of the building. Although the controlled temperature provided by the air conditioning unit helps with the preservation of the limited exhibits on display at the museum, the humidity inside the building continues to be a concern and the CHC and MF will be addressing this problem in 2019. Since the Old Jail is owned by the county, our county officials are aware of the problems and are involved in the planning of our continued restoration efforts. We also have much needed support from our small community since the museum is a main source of information related to our historic and cultural heritage. Our community and the museum were highlighted in an regional magazine and TV station this year and as result, we have attracted visitors wanting to know more about our town's history. Although challenging, we continue to make improvements to the Old Jail knowing that our efforts will impact generations to come.

Page 24: Project Description #2 (of 3) for CHC work from 2018

Q40 Project Description #2 (of 3)—Share ONE project, effort, or service that was focused on educating the citizens of your county and/or celebrating history with the citizens of your county. Description must include the following information to illustrate the nature of efforts involved: -- your county name-- describe project, effort, or service and your CHC's role in event/effort-- note partners and community involvement in planning and/or implementation-- impact of the event/effort/service—attendance, improvements made, public benefit, etc.

Jim Hogg

Our CHC, in partnership with the Museum Foundation and the Vaqueros of South Texas organization, provided a fascinating presentation by Benito Trevino, Ethnobotanist, of Rancho Lomitas, Rio Grande City. Benito has years of experience in the study and teaching of native plants and their uses by the indigenous people, early Tejanos and our ancestors in the area. The audience learned which plants could be used to treat illnesses and disease, which plants could be used for making rope and other useful items, which plants are poisonous and most importantly, which plants could be used for food. Benito has been featured in numerous newspapers, magazine articles and on various television programs. Since our county is predominantly a ranching community, there was much interest in this presentation and we were happy to see a large crowd in attendance.

Page 25: Project Description #3 (of 3) for CHC work from 2018

Q41 Project Description #3 (of 3)— Share ONE project, effort, or service that educated and/or celebrated history and was promoted to people OUTSIDE of your county. A heritage tourism effort may be described here. Description must include the following information to illustrate the nature of efforts involved: -- your county name-- describe project, effort, or service and your CHC's role in event/effort-- note partners and community involvement in planning and/or implementation-- impact of the event/effort/service—attendance, improvements made, public benefit, etc.

Jim Hogg

Jim Hogg County has the unique designation of Vaquero Capital of Texas and the annual Vaquero Festival held on the first weekend in November in Hebbronville is the event that attracts hundreds of tourists from the area and state to our small community. This popular event honors the Vaquero(cowboy) culture and ranching heritage of the area. The Vaquero Festival Association sponsors a parade, live entertainment, food booths and a variety of activities related to ranching/ Vaquero history and culture. Our CHC partners with the Museum Foundation, Vaqueros of South Texas (VOST), and the Vaquero Festival Association to plan and promote this event with a ranching exhibit in the museum and a display at the festival featuring the documentary video, "Vaquero, The Forgotten Cowboy", Galan Productions, Inc. Shot on location in South Texas and in Hebbronville, the documentary features local Vaqueros and area ranches. Our CHC takes pride in our role of keeping the history and legacy of the Vaquero is South Texas alive. Hopefully, through our combined efforts, the Vaquero will not be ... The Forgotten Cowboy.

Page 26: CHC Comments for the THC

Q42 Share your thoughts on THC/CHC Outreach services that have helped your CHC.

Our heartfelt gratitude to Amy and her staff for the continued support and assistance you provide through your CHC Outreach services. Every time we have a question that is usually related to historical markers or historic cemeteries and structures we just pick up the phone, call someone and there's always a pleasant and caring person on the line ready to answer any question and assist in any way possible. The information you send out via email to us is also greatly appreciated. A special thank you goes out to Amy Hammons, Lynnette Chen, Sarah McCleskey, and Virginia Owens. Thank you for your help and your patience. We fell short this year in taking advantage of the great training opportunities you provided especially for those of us in rural communities in South Texas that were unable to attend the workshops and the Real Places Conference last month. This year we plan to take advantage of your webinar workshops and hopefully attend a workshop if possible. Again, we appreciate all your encouragement and support. Thank you all!

Q43 If you'd like, share information not already submitted in this report. Feel free to comment on specific preservation issues--successes and/or challenges--in your county.

I would like to mention that the El Colorado Cemetery marker unveiling ceremony took months of planning and preparation and because of the attention to detail, this worthwhile event was a total success. It was a beautiful celebration attended by about 200 family members, friends, and people that had lived in the little community of Guerra, Texas years ago. It was heartwarming to see the level of participation by so many who came together to honor the pioneer spirit of the early settlers of El Colorado Ranch and the Guerra community. The beauty of collaboration with our CHC, county and state officials, El Colorado Ranch family members and the community was evident in the love and pride all shared that day as the historical marker was unveiled at the resting place of loved ones.

2018 was a great year to promote our historic landmarks, heritage and culture. With the magazine article and the TV station coverage of our community, many people gained a new appreciation for the rich history and heritage of our county.

Dr. Philis B. Goetz's book, "Escuelitas and the Emergence of a Mexican American Identity in South Texas" will feature a chapter on El Colegio Altamirano in Hebbronville, founded in 1897. The school operated until 1958. This, also, will bring attention to a historic educational institution in our community.

In 2018 we applied for three Texas Treasure Business Awards and the three local businesses will be honored with this designation. We look forward to the presentation ceremonies this year.

Our book signings attract the youth in our community. This year we hosted three local authors of children's books and even though these events are not related to preservation they provide a great opportunity to speak to the youth in the audience about preservation efforts we're involved in.

A major concern for the CHC is the deterioration of the historic 103 year old Viggo Hotel located across the street from the county courthouse. The owner's failure to restore this historic building is very troubling to us. We hope to speak to the owner again to express our concern and seek advice from the THC as to how to proceed with this issue.
